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Letter dated 22 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I have the honour to enclose herewith the report of the Government of Mexico, submitted in accordance with paragraph 11 of Security Council resolution 1718 (2006), on the steps taken with a view to implementing the provisions of that resolution concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see annex).

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Annex to the letter dated 22 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

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Report of Mexico submitted in accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution 1718 (2006)

In accordance with paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of its resolution 1718 (2006), the Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, has decided to impose a series of trade, economic and travel sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Paragraph 11 of the resolution calls upon Member States to report to the Security Council on the steps taken with a view to implementing the measures imposed against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In that connection, the Government of the United Mexican States wishes to make the following points:

Mexico takes the view that the existence of weapons of mass destruction and their vertical and horizontal proliferation constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

Mexico supports international measures or initiatives designed to maintain international peace and security and to prohibit the production or use of weapons of mass destruction.

Mexico condemns and deplores acts contrary to the objectives of disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and supports the resolution adopted by the Security Council. Mexico shares the concerns expressed in the preambular paragraphs of the resolution and agrees that the measures set out in its operative part should be implemented, particularly those relating to the transfer of nuclear equipment and materials, technical training, advice, services or assistance.

In that regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has duly informed all Federal Government departments dealing with the issues covered by the resolution of its adoption so that they can take the appropriate measures within their respective spheres of competence to comply with the sanctions established by the Security Council.

Furthermore, the Government of Mexico does not transfer arms, equipment, materials or dual-use technology. It does not maintain trade relations of a military or other nature with individuals or entities associated with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in order to supply, sell or procure military equipment, materials, goods and technology.

Mexico has the following comments on paragraph 8 of resolution 1718 (2006):

- With regard to paragraph 8 (a), Mexico does not supply, sell or transfer to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, directly or indirectly, any of the listed items:

- With regard to paragraph 8 (b), the Government of Mexico does not procure the listed items from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. However, it takes note of the fact that Mexican nationals are prohibited from procuring or exporting the materials listed;

- With regard to paragraph 8 (c), Mexico does not supply the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with or receive from it technical training, advice, services or assistance of any type related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of the items in subparagraphs (a) (i) and (a) (ii). To that end, the Government of Mexico has issued instructions intended to prevent such activities, thereby complying fully with the provision in question. Similarly, the immigration authorities carefully review the travel documents of individuals coming from that part of the world and of Democratic People's Republic of Korea nationals;

- With regard to subparagraph 8 (e), which urges Member States to take steps to prevent the entry into or transit through their territories of the persons designated by the Committee or by the Security Council, the immigration authorities have issued instructions with a view to implementing this provision. However, to that end, the Government of Mexico should be provided with a list of Democratic People's Republic of Korea nationals associated with nuclear-related and other weapons of mass destruction-related activities, so that a national alert can be issued in order to prevent their entry into Mexico, since such individuals could pose a threat to the security of Mexico or of third countries.

With regard to paragraph 10, concerning the decision that the measures imposed by paragraph 8 (e) will not apply where the Committee determines on a case-by-case basis that such travel is justified on the grounds of humanitarian need, religious obligations, or where the Committee concludes that an exemption would otherwise further the objectives of the resolution, Mexico is currently implementing an appropriate mechanism to facilitate the relevant procedures.

Lastly, and with regard to the obligations set out in paragraph 11 of the resolution, which calls upon Member States to report to the Security Council on the steps taken with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of paragraphs 8, 9 and 10, the competent authorities have been informed of the prohibition on concluding trade agreements, conventions or contracts involving items, goods, effects, arms, military vehicles and planes with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or with any third country supplying goods originating from that country.